

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-17 and 31-35 are pending. Claims 11, 26 and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 6, 10 and 13 are amended. Support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and therefore no new matter is added.

Applicants express thanks for the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-10, 12-17 and 31-35 are allowed. The amendments to allowed claims 1, 6, 10 and 13 are made in accordance with the Examiner's suggested changes to remedy informalities in the claims. Thus, it is submitted that the claims remain allowed.

The objection to claim 28 is mooted by the cancellation of the claim.

It is further submitted that the rejections to claims 11, 26 and 28 are mooted by the cancellation of these claims.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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